included as a new scheme in the Ninth Five Year Plan.

New Gold Ores and Diamond Bearing Tracts Discovered in Andhra Pradesh

1752. DR. MOHAN BABU:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether new gold ores and diamnod bearing tracts have been discovered in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the expected quantity of new finds;

(c) its impact on the nation's economy; and

(d) the results of other multipronged surveys undertaken by the Geological Survey of India in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Geological Survey of India (GSI) has recenlty discovered following Gold Ores Reserves (Gold Deposits) in Andhra Pradesh:—

	Reserve (m.t.)	Grade (g/tau)
(i) Dona Temple block Kurnool Distt.	0.4	6.0
(ii) Kothapalle block, Anantapur Distt. (Reassessment of Zone-II)	0.115	2.65
(iii) Kudithanapalle block, Chittor Distt.	0.48	1.2

GSI has also identified a number of Kimberlite Bodies—the source rock for Diamond—in the Maddur—Narayanpet belt, Mahaboobnagar district and in Majrakapur belt, Anantapur Distt.

(c) The above findings are of preliminary nature and it is premature at this stage to make any guess about their impact on nation's economy.

(d) As a result of other multipronged survey under taken by GSI in Andhra Pradesh, following important minerals have been identified:—

Mineral	Estimated reserves (M.T.)
Coal	12.5 billion tonnes
Hematitic Iron Ore	46.74
Magnetitic Iron Ore	417.87
Manganese Ore	7.732
Bauxite	592.001
Copper Ore	7.089 (with 0.10 m.t. metal)
Lead Ore	2.089 (with 0.071 m.t. metal)
Gold Ore	6.84
Diamond	194990 Carates
Garnet	5.002
Ilmenite	10.262
Barytes	67.054
Dolomite	129.998
Fuller's Earth	13.289
Sillimanite	1.193

Deaths Caused by Malnutrition in Amaravati Maharashtra

1753. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJI RAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments attention has been drawn to report captioned; "Malnutrition snuffs out 500 lives in Melghat, Amravati (Maharashtra)";

(b) if so, whether Government have verified the reports of deaths of hundreds of children in the Melghat tribal-belt due to malnutrition, if so, the results thereof;

(c) whether any Central aid has been given to the tribal belt of Melghat in Maharashtra State to get rid of the malady, of deaths of hundreds of children due to malnutrition indicating both short term and long measures taken by Central or State Government?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) Ministry of Welfare is aware of report in "Blitz" Weekly of 24th — 30th August, 1996, published under the Title '500 kids starve to death